

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed toward a method and apparatus for preparing pancakes that retain condiments such as maple syrup and butter, thereby preventing the condiments from spreading to other breakfast items and otherwise creating a mess. A cooking surface is provided. At least one raised member is secured to the cooking surface. In this fashion, pancake batter can be poured on the cooking surface, and the raised member creates a hole in the center of the pancake.

A spatula device also is provided for use in preparing pancakes on the griddle of the present invention. The spatula is provided with a notched portion in the scraper blade such that the blade clears the raised member of the cooking surface and permits turning of the pancakes.

A method for preparing said pancakes also is provided.